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1. ERISMAN, PATRICK AND AGOFFICER MET IN HONG KONG WITH LOCAL  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVES, AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION OFFICIAL AND  
CHINA SCHOLAR PROF. AUDREY DONNITHORNE OF AUSTRALIA.

2. ALTHOUGH LITTLE HARD INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM MEETINGS,  
TRADE REPS DID MENTION HEARING OF RECENT NORTH KOREAN SALE OF  
100,000 METRIC TONS OF CORN TO SINGAPORE. REPS ALSO MENTIONED  
THAT ALTHOUGH PRC HAD BEEN INACTIVE IN RICE EXPORT TRADE OVER  
PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS VERY RECENTLY  
HAVE BEEN MAKING INQUIRIES AS TO POSSIBLE MARKETS FOR CHINESE  
RICE. (QUANTITIES AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT ARE UNKNOWN.)

3. ALTHOUGH TRADERS WERE UNDER IMPRESSION PRC RICE EXPORTS TO  
HONG KONG HAD BEEN FALLING OFF, PARTICULARLY IN THIRD QUARTER,  
HKG TRADE STATISTICS DO NOT SUPPORT THAT IMPRESSION. IN FACT,  
IMPORTS OF PRC RICE NOT ONLY INCREASED IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF  
CY 1976 OVER SAME PERIOD CY 1975 (BY 13.8 PERCENT), BUT PRC SHARE  
OF HONG KONG RICE IMPORT MARKET INCREASED FROM 57.6 PERCENT IN  
1975 TO 62.3 PERCENT IN 1976 (SAME PERIODS).

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